MEDI-CATS AND NOCA WIN

NOCA Nokker Alma Marshall was one of the deadliest players on her team during the finals of the broomball contest Friday against the Medical Clinic's Medi'Cats. But even with this high shot, didn't get past goalie Mavis Box, who demonstrated another use for her head. After extra time, the Cats were the winners 1-0. And right, the toughest tug-of-war team in Vernon is now officially NOCA. They managed to find extra reserves of strength and pulled the city workers team to defeat in the finals of the tug-of-war event Friday. So NOCA will be receiving the championship trophy from last year's top tuggers, the Vernon Fire Fighters.

(Daily News photo)

MEET THE COACH

Baron praises dedicated kids

DON BARON
... lots of spirit

Don Baron, coach of the Vernon Pee Wee reps battling for honors in the annual Winter Carnival tournament, feels he has a spirited team that wants to win.

Baron said, "We have second place in league play and although we weren't classed a strong contender at the beginning of the season, the boys have come through and played a good season."

Since the beginning of November, the pee wees have played teams from Penticton, Kelowna, Westside, Rutland, Merritt and two Kelowna teams and have come away with a 16 win, five loss record. Any of the losses could have gone either way according to Baron. "We have a well balanced club and any one of our lines can come up big," he said.

Baron said the size of his club was about average and some clubs like the Kamloops Elroys are markedly larger, but through the hard work and dedication of the players, they don't get pushed around. "We have a good skating club and the hard work our opposition plays, the harder we play. They came through this season pretty well."

Baron said his practices consist of a lot of skating and scrimmages to develop the players. "Scrimmaging is fun and helps simulate the game fairly accurately, but some bad habits can be developed as a result," he said. "If you keep a close eye on them, there is usually no problem."

In tournament play this year, the Vernon pee wees have won both of the ones they entered. Before Christmas there was the Penticton tournament and after Christmas, the team participated in a tournament in Red Deer Alberta, where they played Grande Prairie in the final, one of the teams featured in the Winter Carnival tournament. "We have seen some of our opposition in the tournament already, so we know what to expect in some cases," Baron said.

Baron said he wouldn't want to speculate on the outcome of the tournament but he hopes they do well. "The main thing is that they work hard and have fun but they are going to go out and win," he said.

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VSSS scores lopsided victory

Vernon Panthers crushed Brentwood College, of Victoria, 93-42 in opening day play of the Chimo Classic Basketball Tournament at VSSS.

In other games, St. Marys of Calgary dumped Windermere of Vancouver 80-62 and Gladstone of Vancouver downed Westsyde of Kamloops 82-64.

Panthers Coach Rick Inrig, said, "I know Brentwood isn't a strong team, but it still felt good to win. We've been in a slump lately and I thought our guys played very well on Friday."

Vernon employed a half-court press in the first-half, which baffled Brentwood and gave the locals a 50-20 lead.

Brent Zimmer was top scorer for Panthers, with 24 points, in two-quarters. Rob Fisher and Glen Sirges added 15 each for the winners while newcomer Jim Galric added 11.

Garlic was recruited by the team this week when a rash of injuries reduced the roster to seven.

St. Mary's, favored to win the tourney, got 24 points from Steve Vanrijn.

28 POINTS

Tom Marchese led Gladstone to victory with 28 points.

Vernon was scheduled to play Westsyde and Gladstone met St. Mary's earlier today—with the two winners advancing to the final game at 8:30 p.m.

Consolation final will be played at 6:45 p.m.

Vikings and Bucks will tangle twice

Vernon Vikings get two chances to snap their 13th game losing streak this weekend.

Vikings host Kelowna Buckaroos tonight, at 8:30 p.m., and on Sunday night, Vernon pays a return visit to the Regatta City.

Highlight of tonight's game will be a raffle for a new Honda Civic. Tickets will be available at the door.

In B.C. Junior Hockey League action Friday night, Dan Hlushko scored four times to pace Kelowna to a 10-9 come-from-behind win over Kamloops Chiefs and Langley Lords dumped Revelstoke Bruins 6-2.

The win gives Kelowna 54 points in the league's Interior Division, 21 points behind first-place Merritt Centennials and 12 behind second-place Penticton. Kamloops trails Kelowna with 43 points. Revelstoke has 18 points while Vernon is last with 14.

In the Coastal Division, Nanaimo Clippers lead with 61 points, five more than Bellingham Blazers. Abbotsford Flyers have 53 points while Langley has 30.

Kelowna trailed 5-2 in the second period but rallied to give new coach Wayne Horning his first win on the new year. Horning was the original coach of the Buckaroos but left in early October and former coach Don Culley stepped in.

Culley had been associated with the team for several years as coach, but had little success this season. Wayne North, Kelowna owner and general manager, said Culley left the club because "he felt it was going nowhere under his guidance."

BECKER SCORES TWO

Darryl Becker notched two goals in the win, while singles came from Bill Audycki, Guy Johnson, Carryl Caribom and Paul Phee. Kelowna trailed 5-2 after one period and 8-6 after two.

Brian Graves scored two goals for the hapless Chiefs which took six of 17 minor penalties. Also scoring were Tim Hunter, Pete Dineen, Doug Lidster, Clint Fehr, Glen Merkosky, Glen Matheson and Pete Gerlinger.

PEE WEE TOURNEY

Vernon wins two

Vernon was one of two undefeated teams going into play today in the seventh annual Vernon Winter Carnival Pee Wee Hockey Tournament.

After blasting Sacramento on Thursday, Vernon dumped St. Albert 4-1 on Friday.

The other unbeaten team, North Shore Winter Club, was scheduled to tangle with the host club today.

St. Albert, which had earlier whipped Red Deer 7-2, stayed within one goal of Vernon until late in the third period.

Greg Moore gave Vernon a 1-0 lead, at 9:39 of the first period, with two St. Albert players in the penalty box.

Tim Sebastian tied the game midway through the second period, but that was the last shot to beat Vernon netminder David Abersek.

St. Albert goalie Chris Lane made several great saves, in the second period, to keep the game tied. Then, at 19:26, he was fooled by a weak shot from Mark Holland.

The hosts played a tight-checking, physical brand of hockey in the third period and it finally paid off at 16:36 when Billy Baron put a flip shot over Lane's shoulder.

David Marchand added an insurance marker, with only two seconds remaining in the game.

Lane made 34 saves while Abersek was called on to block only 18 shots.

DEFENCE GREAT

Difference in the game was the play of the defence. Vernon's rearguard corps, in particular John Barber and Marchand, enjoyed a near-perfect game.

St. Albert took five of nine minor penalties.

In other games Friday, Red Deer hammered Sacramento 16-3, Swift Current edged Saanich 5-4, and North Shore trounced Grande Prairie 11-6.

Final game today will be at 3 p.m., between St. Albert and Grande Prairie.

Play starts Sunday, at 8 a.m., with the 'B' final at 1 p.m. and 'A' final at 3:30 p.m.

Memorable trip for pee wees

Swift Current looked sluggish Friday when they lost 12-2 to North Shore Winter Club in the Invitational Pee Wee Hockey Tournament. But, you'll have to excuse them—they had quite a trip.

Swift Current to Vernon is a long haul at the best of times, however, in prairie winter conditions the journey can be pure hell.

Saskatchewan has been plagued by a storm since last Sunday which has dumped three feet of snow, sent the thermometer plunging to 40 below, and provided 70 mile-per-hour winds.

The pee wees had planned to leave Swift Current on Wednesday morning, but were unable to hit the road until almost 12 hours later when the highway was finally cleared.

Just 80 miles from home, at Maple Creek, RCMP stopped the team bus and told them they would have to stay the night because the road was impassable.

Then, in the middle of the night, everyone was awakened by the RCMP, with sawed-off shotguns, when they raided an adjacent motel room.

Thursday, at 9 a.m., the team left Maple Creek, and 12 hours later, they arrived in Vernon.

Swift Current Coach Herb Butz told the Daily News he hopes he never has to go through a trip like that again.

FOLLOWED PLOW

Butz said, "We almost didn't have three of our players. Because the rural roads were so bad, they couldn't get into Swift Current to meet us. Luckily, a pregnant lady from Climax had to get into town so the road was cleared. Our players were able to follow the snowplows and caught up with us at Maple Creek.

"As far as I'm concerned, our bus driver, Ken Donaldson, is the best driver in the world."

Laface knocked out —only four rinks alive

Four rinks remained alive entering today's final draws of the B.C. Curling Association Interior championship.

Zone winners Bert Gretzinger of Kelowna and Peter Delver of Prince Rupert, along with Pete Sherba of Prince George and Alex Coffey of Quesnel were the only rinks among the field of 16 to survive the second day of play.

Wayne Laface, of Vernon, suffered his second loss and was eliminated by Bob McWhirter, of Prince George, 9-4.

Only other local team entered, skipped by Doug Chilton, was knocked out in two straight games.

Gretzinger, the two-time South Okanagan zone winner, was the only unbeaten rink and was to play Coffey in the first draw today while Delver played Sherba.

Winner goes to Vancouver to play the Pacific Coast Curling Association champion Monday and Tuesday in a best-of-three match.

The B.C. winner goes to the Canadian championships in Vancouver March 5 to 11.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

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SPORTS ALERT

PEE WEE HOCKEY

Winter Carnival Invitational Tournament continues to Sunday. Games will be played at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; 'B' final at 1 p.m. and 'A' final at 3:30 p.m.

CURLING

Valentine's Bonspiel continues to Sunday. Final draws, in four events, start Sunday at 8 a.m.

SKIING

Realtrac Cup Freestyle Meet at Silver Star. Moguls and ballet today with aerials on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Chimo Days Tournament at VSSS. Finals are 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Carnival Classic Tournament ends tonight at W.L. Seaton.

North Okanagan 'A' Girls' Championship ends tonight at Charles Bloom, in Lumby.

SWIMMING

Vernon Kokanees hosting a three-team meet at the Recreation Complex pool. Swimming tonight to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

8:30 p.m. Civic Arena, Vernon Vikings vs. Kelowna Buckaroos.

7 p.m. (Sunday), Kelowna Memorial Arena, Vikings vs. Buckaroos.

NORTH OKANAGAN LEAGUE

8 p.m. (Sunday), Civic Arena, Vernon Canadians vs. Vernon Sport Cougars.

HONEYMOONERS' VOLLEYBALL

At Recreation Complex on Sunday: 5:30 p.m., Bankers' Folly vs. Foot Faults; 6:20 p.m., Friends vs. Hot-to-go; 7:10 p.m., Sundowners vs. Old Stylers; 8 p.m., Goodtimers vs. Camptown Racers; 8:50 p.m., Six Pack vs. Vipers.

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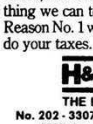

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